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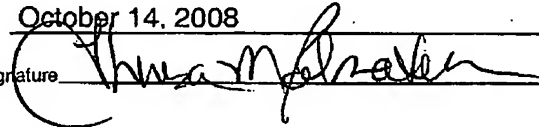
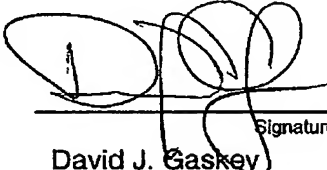
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		Art Unit <u>2617</u>	Examiner <u>Lam, Dung Le</u>
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In re application: Capece, Christopher J.
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Examiner: Lam, Dung Le
For: NEURAL NETWORK-BASED EXTENSION OF
GLOBAL POSITION TIMING

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request Pre-Appeal Brief Review of the final rejection in this case because there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness.

The Examiner's proposed combination cannot be made because it changes the principle of operation of the arrangement in the primary reference. MPEP 2143.10(VI) states that a proposed modification or combination of the prior art does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness when that proposed combination changes the principle of operation of a reference. In this case, the Examiner proposes to combine the *Jin* reference (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0012158) with the *Martin* reference (US Pat. No. 7,299,214). The proposed combination cannot be made and the rejection must be withdrawn.

The *Jin* reference discloses an arrangement where one base station (BTS) includes a global positioning system (GPS) device and the one BTS distributes the GPS timing information

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over an Ethernet connection among several BTSs connected to the one that has the GPS device. (See, e.g., paragraph 0008 on page 1 and paragraph 0028 on page 3). If there is no GPS signal available over the Ethernet connection, a clock recovery circuit at each connected BTS takes a data stream off the Ethernet connection and uses transitions of the data stream to “recover” the clock signal from the one BTS that includes the GPS device and a special oscillator to provide the clock signal. This is described, for example, in paragraphs 0037 and 0038 on page 4.

If one were to make the substitution suggested by the Examiner (e.g., to substitute in *Martin's* predicted values of a “numeric data time flow”), in place of the clock signal recovery technique described in the *Jin* reference, that would completely change the principle of operation of the arrangement in the *Jin* reference. Such a modification cannot be made according to MPEP 2143.01(VI). Replacing the clock signal recovery technique of the *Jin* reference with *Martin's* predicted values of a “numeric data time flow” completely changes the principle of operation in the *Jin* reference and there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness because the Examiner's proposed combination cannot be made.

The rejection of claims 1 and 14 must be withdrawn.

The rejection of these claims is based on the improper combination of *Jin* and *Martin*. Given that the combination cannot be made, there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness and the rejection must be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 4-7,9, 11-13 and 17-20 must be withdrawn.

The rejection of these claims adds teachings from the *Telia* reference to the improper combination of *Jin* and *Martin*. The proposed addition of *Telia's* teachings does not remedy the defect in the proposed base combination and there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness. The rejection must be withdrawn.

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Capece 2-11**The rejection of claims 2, 3, 10, 15 and 16 must be withdrawn.**

The rejection of these claims is based on the proposed addition of the *Bullock* reference to the proposed combination of the *Jin* and *Martin* references. The *Bullock* reference does not remedy the defect in the proposed base combination of *Jin* and *Martin*. It is not possible to make the base combination and not possible to add the teachings of the *Bullock* reference, either. There is no *prima facie* case of obviousness and the rejection must be withdrawn.

The Office has repeatedly rejected the claims under 103 but without ever establishing a legitimate *prima facie* case of obviousness. Applicant is entitled to a notice of allowance without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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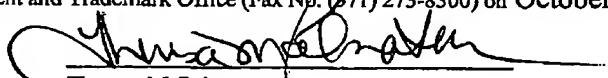
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